

REMARKS

Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 9, and 16, and canceled claims 7, 8, 14, and 20. Claims 1–6, 9–13, and 15–19 remain pending.

In the present Office Action, the Examiner stated “In regard to dependent claim 8, Sotomayer discloses *including the step of updating, on the web site, the hyperlinks necessary to link a web page on the web site to a new version of the document containing the HTML-encoded target text.* (Sotomayer col. 4, lines 22–48 and col. 5, lines 52–62).

Taking the two sections cited above in reverse order, col. 5, lines 52–62 of the Sotomayer patent states:

A `web browser` is traditionally defined as a computer program which supports the displaying of documents, which include Hypertext Markup Language (HTML) formatting markup tokens (discussed further below), and hyperlinking to other documents, or phrases in documents, across a network. In particular, web browsers are used to access documents across the Internet's World Wide Web. The discussion of present invention defines both `web browser` and `browser` to include browser programs which enable accessing hyperlinked information over the Internet and ...

Applicant can find nothing in the above section that is, in any way, related to ‘updating’ a web site.

The other section in Sotomayer cited by the examiner against claim 8 [col. 4, lines 22–48] states, in part:

One embodiment of the present invention includes a process running on a computer which (a) allows an author to select documents and then, using a semantic analyzer program running on a computer, (b) automatically identifies significant key topics within the selected documents, (c) compiles those key topics into summary pages, (d) generates presentation pages by segmenting the selected documents into smaller pieces, and (e) embeds hyperlinks from these summary pages to the locations where key topics appear in the presentation pages ... A method of using a computer to hyperlink

through automatically generated hyperlinks and a data structure which can be used to support that hyperlinking are described....

Applicant also believes that the above section (from which a discussion of 'summary pages' has been deleted) neither suggests nor discloses a process for updating hyperlinks on a web site. Applicant notes that nowhere in Sotomayer's method may be found any teaching or suggestion of updating of a website or central web server. In the Sotomayer method, the documents themselves are updated, so that internal consistency is maintained. Consider a document containing an index. When some pages in the document have been moved around or otherwise modified, an **index** (or indices) must be updated. However, this updating of indices is not the same (or similar) process as updating an external source – the web site – to point to newly updated text, name files and/or indices.

Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 9, and 16 to recite that hyperlinks are not only copied to a web site, but also that these hyperlinks are "updated" on the web site itself. Therefore, Applicant believes that the present claims, as amended, patentably distinguish over the teachings of Sotomayer, since the amended claims recite updating of hyperlinks (etc.) *on the web site, (which is an external source)*, to point to newly updated documents or other text.

For at least the reasons set forth above, Applicant believes that the present claims, as amended, patentably distinguish over the Sotomayer reference, and thus requests that pending claims 1–6, 9–13, and 15–19 be allowed in view of the amendments made thereto.

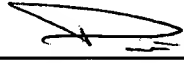
If, in the Examiner's opinion, prosecution of the present application may be expedited with a telephone conference, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the Applicants' attorney.

There are now 16 claims and 3 independent claims. 20 total claims and 3 independent claims were paid for at the initial filing. Accordingly, it is believed that no further fees are due in connection

with this amendment. If any additional fee is due, please charge
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